

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

450 Child Street, Warren Office, Warren, RI

Pursuant to proper notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Jannitto at 6:00 pm, 450 Child Street, Warren Office, Warren, Rhode Island. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

William Gosselin, John Jannitto, Lloyd Matsumoto, Frank Nencka, Joseph Rego

Directors Absent – David Dugan, Allan Klepper, John McElroy, Jr., Frank Sylvia

HOUSEKEEPING

Minutes of the following meetings were reviewed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 28, 2009, be approved.

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VOTED: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2009, be approved.

AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Director Nencka reported:

Old Business

1. Customer Deposits, Currently policy of interest paid on customer deposits does not reflect current rates and/or industry practice. Staff recommends for BCWA to stop payment of interest on customer deposits. Committee recommends approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Effective immediately interest will no longer be paid on customer deposits.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Rate Structure Segmentation, Upon review of BCWA rate structure Staff recommends that rate structure remains unchanged. Committee agrees.

3. Service Fees Re-evaluation, Customer service fees have not been reviewed for many years. Current fees charged to customers, such as turn-on fees, may not reflect current costs to BCWA for these services. Committee recommends approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Effective immediately, Service Fees shall be as follows:

Service Turn-on/off: \$30.00

Non-Payment shut-off: \$60.00

Minimum Charge-Off to report: >\$40.00

New Business

1. Quarterly Charge-Offs, Committee recommends approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Quarterly Charge-Offs, as presented, are hereby approved.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Authorized Signature, Bank requires updating of the BCWA Authorized Signatures, Committee recommends approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That Bank of America is designated as a depository of the Bristol County Water Authority and that the following accounts be maintained at Bank of America:

General Account
Lockbox Account
Savings Account

And that the following persons are the authorized signees on these accounts:

John M. Jannitto, Chairman of the Board of Directors
Frank J. Sylvia, Treasurer
Pasquale DeLise, Executive Director
Webster Goodwin, Jr., Manager of Accounting and MIS

Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Jannitto asked if BCWA would be allowing payments made with credit/debit cards. Executive Director DeLise stated that it would not be prudent to do at this time.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

Director Rego reported:

Old Business

1. Storage Tank Rehabilitation, Executive Director DeLise stated that an Agreement with Amstar would be soon signed. The start date for the project is end of July.

Director Rego asked about the status of the stimulus money. Executive Director DeLise stated that the consensus of the Board was not to borrow the money, BCWA would only be getting 15% of the money as a grant. The balance would have to be paid back, BCWA would have to have a rate increase. There is too much red tape involved with stimulus funds; Staff recommends not going for this stimulus money. Using the stimulus money BCWA has to pay prevailing wages and abide by several regulations, this makes our projects more expensive.

Director Matsumoto asked that item remain on the agenda.

Executive Director DeLise stated that this stimulus money is not geared at present for companies like ours.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Director Gosselin reported:

Old Business

1. Recent Correspondence from Attorney L. Schneider, Executive Director DeLise stated that the Union has requested a meeting regarding the Pension Plan.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Brian Mellor, Local 359 Union President, who stated that the Union wanted to look over the Pension Plan.

Director Rego stated that the Pension Plan had already been revised and adopted, but if the Union wants a meeting then we should have a meeting. If the Union is to have their legal counsel present then BCWA should also have their legal counsel present.

Executive Director DeLise stated that he had met with BCWA's labor counsel, Mr. Joseph Whalen concerning TDI negotiations. Mr. Whalen would like to come before the sub committee at July meeting to discuss the issues.

2. Correspondence from Director Gosselin, Director Matsumoto asked that this item be discussed at the July Meetings. Chairman Jannitto stated that a new motion is needed to clarify Director Klepper's motion. Director Rego stated that the original motion that was passed applied to everyone, all the Board members understood the motion. The second sentence of Director Klepper's motion did not belong in the motion that was passed.

Executive Director DeLise stated that his understanding of the consensus of the Board was that the motion applied to all employees, except those that were grandfathered. A consensus of the Board was taken and all Board members agreed with this statement.

The chair recognized Mr. Brian Mellor who stated that the Union will grieve this item as the motion stated that it was for staff only.

Director Rego stated that the word staff applies to everyone.

Director Gosselin asked that this item be continued to the July meetings.

3. Health Contribution, Item to be continued to July meetings.

New Business

1. Changes in State Cross-Connection Laws, Executive Director DeLise stated that the laws have been approved and it is mandatory for all services to have cross connection and back-flow prevention. BCWA must have a plan of action by December 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

John L. McElroy, Jr.

Secretary